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Amendment filed **July 25, 2006**
Reply to OA dated May 15, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended herein
Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-19 will be pending.

The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Support for the amendments to the claims is discussed below. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **May 15, 2006**.

Claims 3-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that there is no antecedent for "CN" in item (I-aii) of claim 3 and items (I-1), (I-2), (I-3), (I-4) and (I-5) in claim 4, due to the definition of Q¹ in claim 1.

The rejection is overcome by the amendments to claims 3 and 4, deleting CN from the definitions of Q¹ in claims 3 and 4.

In addition, claim 4 has been amended to correct a typographical error, amending "K²eac" to -- K² each--.

Claims 1-2 and 5-19 are allowed.

Since claim 1 is indicated to be allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment

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to claims 3 and 4 place all of claims 1-19 in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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